

THE ARITHMETIC OF POVERTY

*Decide, mother
who goes without.
Is it Rama, the strongest?
or Baca, the weakest
who may not need it much longer
or perhaps Sita?
who may be expendable.*

*Decide, mother
kill a part
of yourself
as you resolve the dilemma.*

*Decide, mother
decide...
and hate.*

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